

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

There is provided an electronic document processing system which includes a plurality of electronic document processors connected to each other by a network, and makes it possible to track electronic documents even when derivative electronic documents are generated. Reception means receives an electronic document transmitted from another of the electronic document processors. Processing means carries out predetermined processing on the received electronic document. First storage means generates a log of the predetermined processing carried out by the processing means, and stores the log in a predetermined resource. Derivative electronic document generation means generates a derivative electronic document which is a new electronic document derived from the electronic document, according to a result of the predetermined processing carried out by the processing means. Second storage means stores information indicating a correlation between the electronic document and the derivative electronic document in a predetermined resource, when the derivative electronic document is generated. Transmission means transmits the electronic document processed by the processing means and the derivative electronic document generated by the derivative electronic document generation means to a next one of the electronic document processors. A tracking request for tracking an electronic document is input by tracking request entry means. When a tracking request is made, status

display means obtains and displays a status of the electronic document to be tracked, by referring to logs and the information indicating the correlation between the electronic document and the derivative electronic document.

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